

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the telephonic interview of 04/24/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 54-62 and 64-66, renumbered as 1-12, respectively.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying Indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mercedes Myers on 04/24/06.

The application has been amended as follows:

In The Abstract:

-----The invention relates to isolated polynucleotides encoding a protein having aromatic acyltransferase activity, vectors comprising aromatic acyltransferase polynucleotides, and methods of transforming plants with anthocyanin acyltransferase polynucleotides to alter flower colors. The invention also relates to transformed host cells, plants, and flower cuts expressing proteins having anthocyanin acyltransferase activity. -----

In The Claims:

Claim 54 (Currently amended). An isolated polynucleotide encoding an anthocyanin acyltransferase comprising [which polynucleotide encodes] an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of [the amino acid sequences as set forth in] SEQ ID NO: 32, SEQ ID NO: 33, SEQ ID NO: 34, SEQ ID NO: 35, SEQ ID NO: 36, and SEQ ID NO: 37[to 37]

Claim 57 (Currently amended). The host cell according to claim 56, wherein said host cell is a microbial cell or a plant [an animal] cell.

At claim 59, ", which alters the color of flowers of said plant" has been deleted.

At claim 61, "the" before "color" in line 1 is deleted.

Claim 62 (Currently amended). A plant, its progeny, or tissue of said plant or said progeny, each transformed with [, wherein its color has been controlled by introducing thereinto] the polynucleotide according to claim 54.

Claim 64 (Currently amended). A cut flower of a [the] plant, or its progeny [, or tissue of said plant or said progeny according to claim 62] transformed with the polynucleotide according to claim 54, wherein the color of said flower is altered [has been controlled by introducing said polynucleotide into said plant].

Claim 67 is cancelled.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Medina A. Ibrahim whose telephone number is (571) 272-0797. The Examiner can normally be reached Monday -Thursday from 8:00AM to 5:30PM and every other Friday from 9:00AM to 5:00 PM. Before and after final

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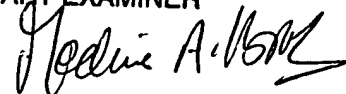
If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Anne Marie Grunberg, can be reached at (571) 272-0975.

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